



MEDICAL.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

It is the "ideal" Hair-dressing. It restores the color to gray hair; promotes fresh and vigorous growth; prevents the formation of dandruff; makes the hair soft and silken; and imparts a delicate but lasting perfume.

"Several months ago my hair commenced falling out, and in a few weeks my head was almost bald. I tried many remedies, but they did no good. I finally bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor, and after using only a part of the contents, my head was covered with a heavy growth of hair. I recommend your preparation as the best in the world."—T. Munday, Sharon Grove, Ky.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for a number of years, and it has always given me satisfaction. It is an excellent dressing, prevents the hair from turning gray, insures its vigorous growth, and keeps the scalp white and clean."—Mary A. Jackson, Salem, Mass.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for promoting the growth of the hair, and think it unequalled. For restoring the hair to its original color, and for a dressing, it cannot be surpassed."—Mrs. Geo. LaFever, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

"Ayer's Hair Vigor is a most excellent preparation for the hair. I speak of it from my own experience. Its use promotes the growth of new hair and makes it glossy and soft. The Vigor is also a cure for dandruff."—J. W. Bowen, Editor "Engineer," McArthur, Ohio.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for the past two years, and found it all it is represented to be. It restores the natural color to gray hair, causes the hair to grow freely, and keeps it soft and pliant."—Mrs. M. V. Day, Cohoes, N. Y.

"My father, at about the age of fifty, lost all the hair from the top of his head. After one month's trial of Ayer's Hair Vigor the hair began coming, and in three months he had a fine growth of hair of the natural color."—P. J. Cullen, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Ayer's Hair Vigor,

PREPARED BY
Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Sold by Druggists and Perfumers.



Cures Scrofula in all its forms, Blood Taint, Gout, Rheumatism, (commonly called cancer), Old Sores, Blood Poison, Contamination of the Blood by Syphilitic Taint or abuse of Mercurial Medicines, Syphilitic Cutaneous Affections, and all forms of Cutaneous Diseases.

You can be cured of all Blood Diseases at home by the persistent use of the "Tobax" Remedy; why then go to mineral springs at heavy expense?

Send for handsome book free. Mention this paper.

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A Fresh Supply of Nunnally Candy received every day.

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A box of fine cigars make a very acceptable present.

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WARE & OWENS,
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REAL ESTATE.

\$2,375—New, cozy 5 room cottage, corner lot, high dry, elegant location, 65 feet frontage, \$1,000 cash, balance \$200 per month.

\$4,000—Cooper street, 11 room house, stable, servants' house, \$300 cash, balance \$100 per month. If you want a home now this is a cheap place, and it is in great demand.

\$5,000—Spring street, 9 room house, water, gas and bath, \$1,000 cash, balance \$100 per month. Beautiful blocks, new, close in, choice locality. Terms cash.

\$1,000—W. Peachtree, 94 feet front, on corner, with 6 room house. Call and look at this place before it is too late.

\$2,500—180x100, Meritt's avenue. Words are unnecessary. 5 acres on Fair street that we sell at bargain, can be subdivided into 35 lots and sold at handsome profit.

EIGHT ACRES near Van Winkle's. Susceptible to sub divisions to great advantage. This section is growing in value every hour and is in great demand.

SEVEN ACRES near McPherson's Barracks, well located, 5 acres in woods and fronts. Public road. Price, \$1,200.

25 acres near McDonough road, 1,600 feet frontage, overlooks the city, 15 acres in cultivation and 10 acres in beautiful grove. Call and see us.

40 acres on Bolton road, 4 1/2 miles from Union depot at \$50 per acre.

600 acres, well set with Bermuda grass, dwelling, large barn and stable and stock shed, well watered, one half mile from G. R. R. Price \$2,000, \$1,000 cash, balance in two months.

4 1/2 acres in Belwood with good 4 room house, barn and stable that we can sell cheap.

\$2,500—A three-room house, new, renting to white tenants at \$32 per month. \$1,400 cash, balance \$50 per month without interest. A good investment.

\$1,050—8 room house on Ira street, renting for \$14 per month.

Nice 4 or 5 room cottage for about \$1,500 to \$2,000. WARE & OWENS, 21 Marietta St. Cor. N. Broad st.

CHRISTMAS.

Boys' Tool Chests, Boys' Pocket Knives, Boys' Guns, King Hardware Co.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Indications for Georgia.
WASHINGTON, December 23.—Indications for tomorrow: Fair, stationary temperature, southerly winds.

OBSERVER'S OFFICE, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. A. (GOULD BUILDING).
ATLANTA, Ga., December 23.

All observations taken at the same moment of actual time at each place.
Observations taken at 7 p. m.—seventy-fifth meridian time at each place.

STATIONS	Barometer	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Velocity	Clouds	Remarks
Meridian	30.38	60	W	Cal	0	Cloudless	
Peachtree	30.36	60	W	Cal	0	Cloudless	
Mobile	30.32	60	W	Cal	0	Cloudless	
Montgomery	30.32	60	W	Cal	0	Cloudless	
New Orleans	30.34	61	W	Cal	0	Cloudless	
Galveston	30.34	61	W	Cal	0	Cloudless	
Pasadena	30.35	60	W	Cal	0	Cloudless	
Corpus Christi	30.37	60	W	Cal	0	Cloudless	
Brownsville	30.38	60	W	Cal	0	Cloudless	
Rio Grande City	30.38	60	W	Cal	0	Cloudless	

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

(Central Time)
TIME OF OBSERVATION.
7 a. m. 30.42 56 NW 3 .00 Cloudy.
7 p. m. 30.44 61 NW 3 .00 Cloudless.

Maximum Thermometer 73.0
Minimum Thermometer 55.0
Total Rainfall .00

TOBACCO AS A MEDICINE.

An Octogenarian Who Dislikes the Weed But Cheats to Keep Alive.

From the Chicago News.

Peter Coulter, of Rushville, Ind., declares that he has been kept alive for seventy years by the constant use of tobacco. He is now 84 years of age, says a St. Louis Globe-Democrat correspondent, and commenced smoking and chewing when a boy of 14, although then, as now, he detested both the taste and the smell of it. He would gladly quit using the noxious weed, but fears that he would probably not long survive its discontinuance.

When a boy about the age above mentioned he was suddenly taken ill with fever, and the disease left a very dangerous sore on his left side that grew quite large and annoyed him with constant and increasing pains. His physicians informed him that there was but one remedy, "use tobacco," or he must die. To this he at first objected, but finally began smoking. For four years the smoking made him sick, and did not seem to decrease the size of the sore, though the pain was much lessened.

The doctor then recommended him to chew tobacco instead of smoking. He did so, and the sore at once began to show an improvement, and the pain ceased altogether. But whenever he ceases chewing in any considerable length of time the boil returns and increases in size, and he states that to desist from chewing for a month would be at the risk of his life.

That tired, languid feeling and dull headache are very disagreeable. Take two of Carter's Little Liver Pills before retiring, and you will find relief. They never fail to do good.

Falling of the hair is the result of inaction of the glands or roots of the hair, or a morbid state of the scalp, which may be cured by Hall's Hair Renewer.

Physicians Confess.

All honest, conscientious physicians who give B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) a trial, frankly admit its superiority over all other blood medicines.

Dr. W. J. Adair, Rockmart, Ga., writes: "I regard B. B. as one of the best blood medicines."

Dr. A. H. Roscoe, Nashville, Tenn., writes: "All reports of B. B. are favorable, and its speedy action is truly wonderful."

Dr. J. W. Rhodes, Crawfordville, Ga., writes: "I confess B. B. is the best and quickest medicine for rheumatism I have ever tried."

Dr. S. J. Farmer, Crawfordville, Ga., writes: "I cheerfully recommend B. B. as a fine tonic alternative. Its use cured an excruciating of the neck after other remedies effected no perceptible good."

Dr. C. H. Montgomery, Jacksonville, Ala., writes: "My mother insisted on my getting B. B. for her rheumatism, as her case stubbornly resisted the usual remedies. She experienced immediate relief and her improvement has been truly wonderful."

A prominent physician who wishes his name not given, says: "A patient of mine whose case of erysipelas was surely killing him, and which no treatment seemed to check, was entirely cured with about twelve bottles of B. B. He was fairly made up of skin and bones and terrible ulcers." 1w

Opera Glasses for Christmas Presents in large variety at Hawkes' optical depot, under Kimball house, 15 Decatur street.

Children Teething.
The Mother finds a faithful friend in MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. 25 cents a bottle.

Or plain, or beautiful, the white, No lady can afford to smile, Unless her teeth are like the snow, And if she fail in this, And can't afford to smile or kiss, She must use SOZODONT, I trust.

Most Women's Troubles are caused by a disordered stomach. The genuine Carlsbad Sprudel Salt is a positive remedy for a disordered stomach. Secure only the genuine.

Entitled to the Best.
All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have at once a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when constive or bilious. For sale in 50c and \$1 bottles by all leading druggists.

PHILLIPS' DIETETIC COCOA.
An efficacious drink for the nervous and dyspeptic.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS.
The Finest and Best on the Market at a Reasonable Price.

Mr. A. Shaw, the enterprising grocer and commission merchant at 17 South Broad street, recently went to Kentucky and purchased 1,000 of the finest turkeys he could find in that state. They were prepared by the most skilled experts, packed in ice and are now in this city in the refrigerator on Alabama street. These turkeys are fresh, pure and sweet. Those who desire to have the best for their Christmas dinner can secure them by calling at Mr. Shaw's store on Broad street.

Mr. Shaw personally superintended the preparing, packing and shipping of these turkeys. He accompanied the car from Kentucky to this city, and they have been on ice since they were killed. The fact that the weather has been so warm has rendered it almost impossible for commission merchants to handle goods of this character. The manner in which Mr. Shaw has prepared these turkeys has given him the lead in the market. He is able to furnish 1,000 of the finest, fattest, sweetest turkeys to be found in Atlanta.

Those who buy turkeys from Mr. Shaw may be assured that there will be no sores on any among them. He guarantees every turkey to be entirely first-class. Remember this fact today in ordering your Christmas turkeys.

Christmas Goods.
Juvenile books at less than one-half the usual prices. Good, well bound, board back, illustrated books, for 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, and a large and varied stock of other books at all prices, at John M. Miller's, 31 Marietta street.

Gold Eye-Glass Chains.
Lorgnettes, opera glasses, plush cases, etc., for Christmas presents, at Hawkes, wholesale and retail optical depot, under Kimball house, 15 Decatur street.

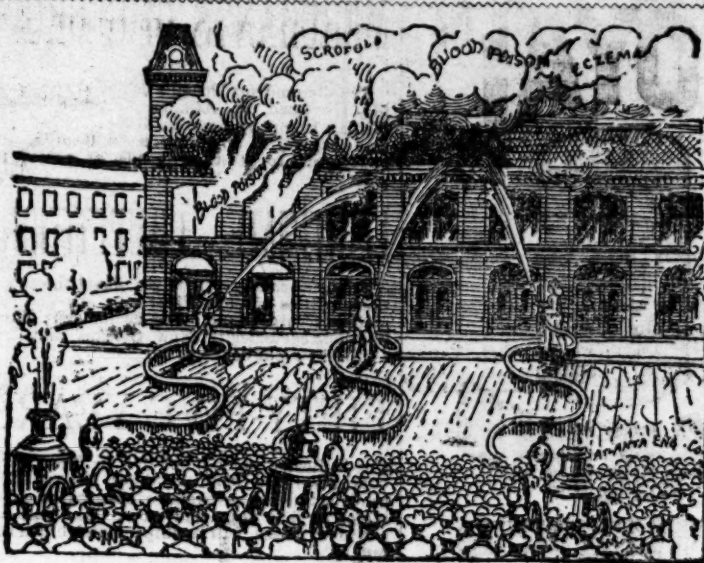
PERSONAL.
C. J. DANIEL, furniture, wall paper, win dow shades, 42 Marietta street. Telephone 77.

Dr. W. S. ARMSTRONG has removed his office to No. 139 Washington street.

HON. W. T. WARDWELL, of New York, connected with the Standard Oil company, arrived in the city last night, and at the Kimball.

MEN'S KID GLOVES.
Best makes. Same is true of our other gloves.

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The Fire of Disease

Driven from the System by

Swift's Specific (S. S. S.)

Do you feel that the terrible fire of Blood Poison is consuming you; that the poisonous virus is vitiating and corrupting your physical system; that it is invading your moral nature and stunning your aspirations for manliness and domestic happiness? Does the hideous nightmare face you night and day that you are a victim of this monster which has been on the warpath for five centuries, scourging the human race by the thousands and tens of thousands, and which is regarded and acknowledged by many learned men to be incurable? Then we say, come to us and we will cure you. Turn your back on all the old worn-out poisons, as mercury, potash, arsenic and like compounds so ruinous to health, and take S. S. S. which we assert does cure, and we are prepared to prove it.

Send for our Treatise on Contagious Blood Poison, mailed free.

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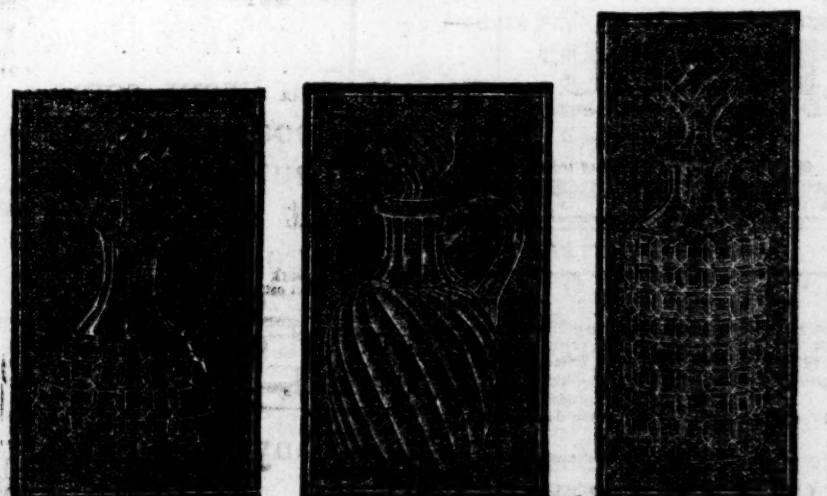
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The most lasting of all Perfumes. If there is one favorite of Jacobs' Pharmacy it is Fragrant Cologne. Fragrant, refreshing and fascinating. Never becomes rank and heavy. One of those refined perfumes whose strength is just sufficient to leave in our pathway a suspicion of the flowers themselves. Sold in bulk and bottled in various styles. Plain, fancy, mould and cut glass bottles. Our regular 50 cent size is as large as the majority of one dollar bottles in the market. With every one dollar bottle of Jacobs' Fragrant we present an elegant package of sachet powder, either Heliotrope, Jockey Club, White Rose or Violet. Our Violet sachet powder is put up in a flat, convenient manner, and impregnates, linen, laces, clothing or note paper with all the favored fragrance of the flower.



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Cut Glass Stoppers!
PRICE 24 CENTS EACH.



Colgate's Cashmere Bouquet Soap, 21 cents.
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Colgate's Violet Water, 38 and 75 cents.
Colgate's New Palmum Soap, 30 cents dozen.
Colgate's Ham and Quinine.
Colgate's Satchels, all colors in bulk.

MONEY TO LOAN.

MONEY TO LEND AT LOWEST RATES ON city or farm lands in adjoining counties, long or short time or by installment to suit borrower. Money here or no delay. E. Bar. ed. 125 E. Broad st. aug17-6m

BUSINESS CHANCES.
FOR SALE—RESTAURANT FOR SALE CHEAP, unsuitable to attend to it, as I have other business. J. L. D. Institution office.

WELL STOCKED DRUG STORE IN RICHMOND, Va., for sale, doing fine retail business of nearly \$12,000 (twelve thousand). Party desiring to engage in other business. Price, \$5,000, half cash, balance 4 and 12 months, with deed, on proper security. Box 118, Richmond, Va.

DIG STORE IN QUINMAN, GA., FOR SALE. rare opportunity. My practice having increased to such an extent as to require my undivided attention, I offer for sale at a bargain, my established drug business, store fixtures, with prescription influence. Call on or address S. M. Matthews, M. D. Quinman, Ga.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.
FURNITURE WAGON, TWO-HORSE TEAM and harness complete (for sale by L. DeGue, Opera house, dec21-dfr

FOR SALE—ELEGANT UPRIGHT PIANO. AM hard up, will sell cheap. Want to sell today. Piano, care Constitution.

FOR SALE HORSES, CARRIAGES.
FURNITURE WAGON, TWO-HORSE TEAM and harness complete (for sale by L. DeGue, Opera house, dec21-dfr

LADIES COLUMN.
LADIES' CHRISTMAS'S ENGLISH PENNY royal milk diamond brand. Safe, reliable, send 4c. (stamps) for particulars and "Relief for Ladies" in letter by return mail. Chichester Chem Co., Philadelphia, Penn. Sold by druggists. Make no other. 10000 testimonials. tue-tur

FEATHERS CLEANED, CURLED AND DYED also kid gloves cleaned. Phillips, 14 Marietta street. sun, weddfr

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.
WANTED A HORSE AND A COW FOR THEIR keeping or for little pay for the winter. H. C. T. to be sold.

WANTED—A LARGE SECOND HAND ROOMY safe, weighing three or four thousand pounds good as new. Address C. V. Trull, LaGrange, Ga. 4d

MILK CUSTOMERS WANTED—RECENTLY commenced retailing; no milk sold not produced on my farm. Individual can system. Special inducements. Write—I will call. Lock box 15, West End.

VISITORS TO THE CITY ARE INVITED to call at McNeal's wall paper house, 711 Whitehall street, and get the prices. oct 13 fr

BOARDERS WANTED.
TWO PLEASANT FRONT ROOMS, SINGLE OR double. Belmont house, Mrs. A. G. Thompson.

BOARDING—A LARGE PLEASANT FURNISHED room and good board can be had at 99 Church street near Peachtree street.

BOARDERS WANTED—THREE YOUNG MEN can get good board and lodging at reasonable rates at 21 Marietta street. sun, thu

BOARDERS WANTED—TWO BEAUTIFULLY decorated, sunny first floor, (opposite parlor), connecting front and back rooms, and board; private bath. Must be seen to be appreciated. if Peachtree st.

PERMANENT AND TRANSIENT BOARD AT 23 and 25 North Forsyth st. The best accommodations. sept1-dfr

WANTED—AGENTS.
AGENTS WANTED—\$5 TO \$10 PER DAY COLLECTING small pictures for us to copy and enlarge, satisfaction guaranteed and \$4 outfit free. Address A. Dunne & Co., 35 Beane street, New York.

AGENTS SHOULD WRITE FOR ILLUSTRATED circular, and terms for two weeks trial of Miss North's photograph. Wash clothes clean by her steam without rubbing. Easily sold; profitable. J. Worth, 41 Beekman st., N. Y. oct 30 wed, sun, 52r

THE DENVER STATE LOTTERY CO. WANTS agents. Tickets 50 cents. Address A. C. Ross & Co., Denver, Colo. dec16 15r

AGENTS WANTED ON SALARY. \$75 PER month and expenses paid any active man or woman to sell our goods by sample and live at home. Salary paid promptly and expenses in advance. Full particulars and sample sent free. We mean just what we say. Address Standard Silverware Co., Boston, Mass. 3m

HELP WANTED—MALES.
WANTED—AN ENERGETIC YOUNG MAN TO manage office. Salary \$200 per year, permanent position. Must furnish best references and \$500 cash capital. Call on Dr. M. Vandawalker, Room 29, Gould building.

WANTED—A BOY 14 OR 15 YEARS OLD TO collect. 75 Thompson st.

WANTED—FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY able-bodied, unmarried men, between the ages of 21 and 35 years. Good pay, rations, clothing and medical attention. Write or apply to Lieutenant C. P. Terrell, Postoffice building Augusta, Ga. dec 24 dm tue

SALESMEN WANTED AT ONCE—A FEW GOOD salesmen to sell our goods by sample to the wholesale and retail trade. We are the largest manufacturers in our line in the world. Liberal salary paid. Permanent position. Money advanced for wages, advertising, etc. For full terms, address Centennial Mfg. Co., Chicago, or Cincinnati. oct 24 38 fr sun tue

WANTED—A YOUNG MAN TO ATTEND the duties of shipping and receiving clerk is wanted at the Fulton Box and Cotton Mill.

\$60 SALARY, \$40 EXPENSES IN ADVANCE allowed each month. Steady employment at home or traveling. No soliciting. Duties delivering and making collections. No postal cards. Address with stamp, Hafer & Co., Piquette, Ohio. tue thu sat sun

WANTED—EXPERIENCED SALESMAN TO call on carriers in Georgia. Address Merchant, care Carrier 70 Postoffice, Baltimore. dec 20 1w

WANTED—A BRIGHT YOUNG COLLEGE graduate to teach boys under fourteen. Robertson Constitution office. dec 20 1w

WANTED—SALESMAN AT \$7.00 PER MONTH salary and expenses, to sell a line of silver-plated ware, watches, etc., by sample only; horse and team furnished free. Write at once for full particulars and sample case of goods free. Standard Silverware Co., Boston, Mass. div

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.
WANTED—A GOOD COOK AT ONCE AT 105 Pulliam street.

WANTED—ONE LADY IN EACH TOWN to earn \$5 to \$10 per week. No humbug. No risk. A. B. sample and full particulars free. Address The N. Y. H. A., 235 Broadway, N. Y. sun to thur

I WISH TO EMPLOY A FEW LADIES ON SALARY to take charge of my business at their homes. Light, very fascinating and healthful. Wages \$10 per week. References given. Good pay for part time. Address with stamp, Mrs. Marion Walker, Louisville, Ky. div

AUCTION—REAL ESTATE.
FOR SALE—TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, THE Carroll cotton and woolen mill, located in Terrell, 32 miles east of Dallas, on the Texas and Pacific railroad, consisting of one two-story brick, one two-story wooden, and one two-story wooden necessary for a 2,000-spindle mill, with 36 looms, all in position. Will be sold to the highest bidder on Tuesday, 27th of January, 1890. Address Terrell Cotton and Woolen Mfg. Co. nov 10 d2m

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALES.
PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER FROM THE references. Address John Lohmeyer, care N. E. Smith, Gainesville, Ga.

WANTED—AN ENGAGEMENT BY A GOOD business man, experienced, sober, thorough, master of office work; cotton, grain, etc.; a liberal salary for the qualifications. Address in confidence, with full name, attentive, care Constitution office.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALES.
SITUATION WANTED BY SCOTCH WOMAN, cook in private family; housekeeping or any place of trust. No references. Apply for three days, Globe hotel, Wall st.

AN EDUCATED LADY STENOGRAPHER typewriter; had office experience; good home has writer, desires employment. Address Mrs. C. Constitution office. dec 20 d 1w

LOST.
LOST—MALTESE CROSS GOLD WATCH charm, monogram J. E. P. on one side, date 1888 on the other. Finder will please leave at J. J. E. Maddox and get reward. J. E. Pritchett.

LOST—ON ROME EXPRESS, BETWEEN CARLISLE and Atlanta, or between depot and Hotel's photograph gallery, a ladies' pocketbook containing about \$50 and the card of the owner. \$20 reward will be paid for return of pocketbook contents to Mrs. W. D. Look, care J. J. Calhoun, O. F. & P. A., Cartersville, Ga.

LOST—DIAMOND CROSS CUT AND SET IN OLD fashioned style traced in dark blue enamel; containing eleven diamonds of about two karats each. A liberal reward will be paid. No questions asked if returned to W. M. Dickson, 378 Peachtree street. div

FOR RENT—HOUSES, COTTAGES.

FOR RENT—NICE FIVE ROOM COTTAGE 75 West End, large lot, well shaded and near car line. John L. Tye, Gate City Bank Building.

FOR RENT—A COTTAGE ON DUMMIE LINE, 578 South Pryor street. It contains 7 rooms besides 3 garret and 2 basement rooms, making twelve in all. In addition, there is a large front and vegetable garden. Price \$25 per month. Apply to L. Rich & Bros. 1f

FOR RENT STOREHOUSE—FIRST CLASS storehouse, fine business location. Possession given January 1st. Address M. S. care Constitution, dec21-24

FOR RENT—2 STORY, 12 R. BRICK HOUSE No. 56 Washington st.; gas, water and bath on each floor. Apply to Mrs. N. L. Angier, 89 East Mitchell st. sun tue thu sat

FOR RENT—SPLENDID NEW FIFTEEN ROOM boarding house, handsonly ornamented, furnished, hot and cold water, gas, etc., central, market and union depot very convenient; locality the very best. Number of boarders. Part rent in board if preferred. 52 West street. sun tue thu sat

FOR RENT—MIS

AFTER THE FLEET CAMEL

A COWBOY'S LONG HUNT IN TEXAS.

The Sensation Caused by One of the Animals That Was Once Owned by the Government.

FORT DAVIS, TEXAS, December 21.—North and east of this point, stretching far away to that strip of nondescript soil, known as "No Man's Land," is the remnant of the so-called Great American Desert, designated on the maps and in the geographies as "Llano Estacado," or Staked Plain. The name desert is a misnomer, for the Llano Estacado is not a desert, but rather a well-watered, grassy plain, covered with hay and verdure, the natural home and refuge at the present time of nearly all the large game animals of the southwestern portion of the United States.

All the buffaloes we have in the country, except a scattered pair here and there, and the mountain bison of the Yellowstone park, are to be found homelessly wandering over the staked plain. Mustangs, wild and untamed, gallop with unshod hoofs over the soft, velvety carpet and antelope, the most dainty of all feeders, seek here the delicate wild clover and maiden flowers which are found nowhere else in such abundance as upon this wild and unsettled tract.

A Texas cowboy, in search of stray cattle, came in from the plains a few days ago and reported that, while chasing a wild and untamable steer into an easily unknown region, where perhaps no human foot save that of an Indian had ever traveled, he saw in the dim distance a large, bulky, and unwieldy creature, which he at first took to be a buffalo. Yet it could not be a buffalo, for it was too large and too slender of build, and covered the ground in a long, loping sort of stride, whereas a buffalo, when put to speed usually adopts a short gallop, very much like a range steer.

Big enough for an elephant, and yet as slender as a giraffe, what in the name of wonder was the creature? he thought the cowboy. His jaded mustang was too weary and the day too far gone for him to undertake a chase to the death, so the cowboy turned his back and trotted slowly back to the camp. He had seen a creature which he had never seen before, and he was too tired to go on. He had seen a creature which he had never seen before, and he was too tired to go on.

"Now come, Bill," exclaimed one, "what did the beast look like, anyway?" "Why, just as I tell yer," answered Bill. "He was a great big brute, with two-story legs, a long neck, a fast, ugly trot, and a hump on his back like a mountain." "Oh, I see," said another. "Nothing but a stray buffalo, cause he had a hump on his back. Yer got fooled that time, Bill, and fooled in the bargain by an old buffalo bull. Yer ought to know better, Bill."

"Tell yer, Jim, I'm not fooled," exclaimed Bill, hotly. "Don't I know a buffalo bull when I see one? That fellow was no buffalo, nor no steer, nor I'll bet a ninety-foot lariat he don't belong to this country, either."

The others were quite interested now, for they knew Bill Yerkes was likely to be correct when he was so earnest about it, and an agreement was made that morning up, cutting out and branding should be suspended a couple of days, while the whole party went on a chase across the country in search of the wonderful animal seen by the cowboy that day.

Next morning, before day, four stout, sturdy fellows were in the saddle and moving westward, leaving one of their number behind as a guard for the camp. Their mounts were beautiful. The mustangs had been captured by the men, and some of the wild herds that yet, in limited numbers, course over the great plain, except the one ridden by Yerkes, and this animal was a gaunt, raw-boned specimen of a mustang, some of the southeastern part of the state and brought to the range by Yerkes, himself, who seemed very fond of the brute. The four men were separated off in different directions, like an open fan, and agreeing to meet that night for camp on a branch of the south fork of the Canadian, which was nearly dry at this time of the year. About sunset all had arrived at the rendezvous except Bill Yerkes. While the others were sitting around the camp fire, about 9 o'clock, something upon which Yerkes had been shot from a tree near by, their missing comrade rode up.

He threw himself from his horse, removed the saddle, watered and picketed his animal, and then joined the others. "Wal, fellows," he exclaimed. "I have spotted the darned cuss again."

"The deuce you have," ejaculated the others with great interest. "Yes, I found him about six miles above here at sundown and just as I was about to give up the hunt."

"Well, what is it?" exclaimed the three in one breath. "Darned if I know," said Yerkes. "It was too dark to see clearly, and then the tarnation sighted me as soon as I did him, and off he started toward the setting sun like a locomotive. But I've got his bearings, and I'll catch that skunk, tomorrow or give up cow punching and range riding for good."

The second morning the four were in the saddle by light, and traveling up stream until a grass overgrown bottom, interspersed with scrub oak and cedar trees, was reached. "Here," said Yerkes, "is where I saw the fellow last night."

"And here," said Dick Pepper, "are the buster's tracks," at the same time leaping from his mustang and examining several large hoof-prints in the muddy portion of the creek bottom. "Wal, that beats me," remarked Bob Newhall, the fourth of the party. "What you take them tracks to be, Yerkes? No such steers as that in the whole country as I know of."

"Taint no steer," responded the other. "Darned if I can size the creature up; but let's keep after him an' we'll soon find out, or I'm no preacher."

Out over the prairie rode the four men, following as best they could the trail of this strange animal, but all signs were soon lost in the sand and gravel, at the quarry and assumed a barren, desolate appearance, covered with hillocks of sand, and almost as flat as a billiard table as far as the eye could see. About noon the four were again sighted, and toward this atom the quartet rode steadily, gaining rapidly, and very soon coming so far within range as to outline the object.

"That's the fellow an' no snakes," shouted Yerkes, hardly able to curb his excitement. Sure enough. There in the distance, far away, was a strange, ungainly object that bore resemblance to any living creature born or bred on this continent. With a rapid sidelong, cumbersome gait he easily kept beyond the fleetest mustangs until darkness almost hid his ugly form from view; but still the four horsemen were determined to catch him, with Yerkes a long advantage in the lead, and evidently determined to solve the mystery at any cost or kill his horse. The last his three comrades saw of him Yerkes was going at a 2:40 gait, his long Mexican lariat trailing behind, and his raw-boned steed doing his level best to bring his master alongside the stranger they were pursuing. The others sought the quarry went into a dry camp amid a bunch of cottonwoods for a few hours, where they had to dig in the sand for water.

good chew of tobacco, and, resting his head on the saddle, turned over in a pile of soft, loose sand and was soon sound asleep.

When he awoke some hours later he found the moon nearly overhead and his horse still quietly nibbling the few spears of grass left above the sandy soil. Nowhere in sight was the strange animal he had followed. Saddling and mounting he rode here and there in search of the brute, but the latter had vanished without sight, sound, or sign to follow.

Utterly and thoroughly disgusted, Yerkes started on the back trail, at the same time muttering starting execrations against the strange thing that had led him a wild-goose chase to no purpose for two days and a night over the plains. Riding on and on in that still night, not even a coyote bark or a wolf howl to break the intense silence, the man would talk and reason with his horse upon the confounded ill luck that had befallen him. Toward morning Yerkes came sailing majestically up from the east, and the moon, still shining brightly, lit up the vast plain, reflecting back the sparkling bits of sandlike the water of the ocean sparkles and dances under her silvery beams.

Just then a faint light came floating from far ahead. Yerkes pulled up instantly and both horse and rider bent their ears to listen. Louder and louder it grew until the beating hoofs could be heard, and presently the sound of men's voices hallooing and shouting. Some body was chasing something, of this there could be no mistake. Then in the dim light a black object hove in sight with three horsemen in hot pursuit.

"That's my game, by gosh," said Yerkes to himself with great excitement, "and darn my hide but I'll have him now." The man quickly dismounted, his long Mexican lariat (he was a fine roper), and, putting his horse encouragingly, made ready to cast the moment he was within proper distance. On came the big game with a rush, making wonderful long strides with his tremendous legs, and not two hundred yards behind were the three cowboys, urging their mustangs to the top of their speed, yelling like mad. Yerkes got his lariat in position, and then began that long graceful swing, with the magic circle opening like an oval, that only the practical arm can give to the rope. Straight at the brute he rushed, but, evidently discovering him when too late, the latter made a bold swerve to the left as if to pass by him. Galloping alongside for a moment, the rope swung in the air, and then, with a sudden, settling snugly about the long, hoop-like neck.

In true cowboy style, as if handling a steer, Yerkes kept up his pace and gradually got into position for throwing the animal. This process is as follows: When the noose is in the head, horns or neck, the next movement is to arrange the line on the further side of the animal, both pursuer and pursued going at full speed, so that it is about the height of the legs. Then, by suddenly stopping the pony, who plants his forelegs firmly to withstand the shock, by a quick, sudden jerk the steer's legs are pulled from under him, and over he rolls in the dust. This is precisely the manner in which Yerkes treated his strange captive.

When Yerkes was ready and the line in position he pulled his horse up suddenly and jerked the strange brute's legs from under him. The mighty body of the latter tumbled heavily all in a heap, but there was a sharp, ugly snarl as if something had cracked. In a word, the fall had broken its neck.

In a few minutes the four men were grouped together standing over the carcass and eying it in perfect wonder. "Wal, I'll be shot for a tenderfoot, but that beast must be a real one," said Dick Pepper. "Where in the devil did he come from, anyhow?" exclaimed Bob Newhall.

Yerkes alone was silent. After scanning and examining the creature closely he at length uttered, in the most absolute surprise: "Boys, that's a camel as sure as gun's iron. Now, how in the name of reason did he get in Texas? I've always heard they lived in Asia or Africa, but I've never seen one, and I've never seen one here in Texas. Let's get back to camp, boys; I'm done herding and branding. I'm going back to the states, I am."

The mystery, after all, is no mystery at all, for it was real and truly a camel. A genuine camel was actually caught one day last summer by a cowboy named Dennis Madigan, near the ranch of Colonel Lewis Wolfley, late of the Confederate States army, in the vicinity of Gila Bend, Arizona. It was a large one, measuring over nine feet in height, and was supposed to be an stray from the old herd that had been roaming over the deserts of Arizona and California since 1858 or 1859. They were imported first for the purpose of carrying freight from Inyo, Cal., to Carson, Nev., and, proving a failure for this object, were turned loose to hunt for themselves. Just before the civil war the government got hold of them and proposed to make them useful on the frontier in keeping up communication between the widely-separated military posts, where it became necessary to travel long distances without water. They were never, however, of much service, and upon the breaking out of hostilities between the north and south, were seized by the confederate authorities and sent to Camp Verde, about sixty miles northwest of San Antonio. Here they were put in service as mail carriers, often making trips of fifty to sixty miles a day in a dry, barren, hot country where no American horse could have survived such hardship.

At the close of the war they again fell into the hands of the federal authorities, and were sold at auction in the city of San Antonio in 1865. They were finally taken west to Arizona, and, proving useless, were soon abandoned to their fate. Wandering over the wild portions of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, they increased somewhat in numbers, but it was supposed that the Indians had long since killed them off. It has since been learned that the red men, superstitious and silly as they usually are in such cases, regarded them with great awe as strange creatures from the clouds, and so fled from them in terror.

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